

RICHMOND BRIDEWELL (DUBLIN) EXPENDITURE.

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable the House of Commons,
dated 18th August 1892;—for,

“ RETURN of (I.) Particulars of Expenditure on Construction and Maintenance
of the Buildings recently known as the RICHMOND BRIDEWELL, DUBLIN,
and of the Acreage covered by the Prison and Grounds; and (II.) Particulars
of any Compensation given to Local Authorities in Great Britain for
surrendering Prison Buildings and Sites.”

War Office,
18 August 1892. }

ST. JOHN BRODRICK.

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I. PARTICULARS of Expenditure on Construction and Maintenance of the Buildings recently known as the RICHMOND BRIDEWELL, DUBLIN, and the Acreage covered by the Prison and Grounds.

Sir,

War Office, 14 June 1892.

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Stanhope to acquaint you that he has been asked to lay before the House of Commons a Return relating to Wellington Barracks, formerly Richmond Prison, Dublin. For the purposes of this Return, I am to request that you will be good enough to give the details of any expenditure by the Corporation of the City of Dublin on the site and buildings of Richmond Prison prior and subsequently to the passing of the Military Prisons Act of 1877, the date of such expenditure, and the acreage covered by the prison and the grounds.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Reph Thompson*,

The Town Clerk, City Hall, Dublin.

Municipal Buildings, Cork Hill.

The Finance and Leases Committee, Secretary's Office, Dublin,

Sir,

23 June 1892.

I AM to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Town Clerk, and in reply thereto I am directed to forward, for the information of Mr. Secretary Stanhope, a copy of a Report of the Finance and Leases Committee of the Dublin Corporation, compiled for the information of the Municipal Council relative to the building formerly known as Richmond Prison.

You will find therein set out the details of the expenditure by the Corporation on the site and buildings up to and including the year specified in your letter, when the cost of maintaining same was transferred to the General Prisons Board.

The acreage covered by the prison and grounds is 7 acres, 2 roods, and 10 perches, statute measure.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Edmund W. Eyre*, Secretary.

Sir Arthur Haliburton, K.C.B.,
War Office, London.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Dublin.

REPORT of the Finance and Leases Committee, re Expenditure in Construction and Maintenance of the Buildings recently known as the Richmond Bridewell, but now utilised for the purpose of a Military Barracks.

IN accordance with the directions of the Municipal Council of the 2nd September 1888, that a report should be submitted relative to the claim of the City to compensation in respect of the confiscation of the Richmond Bridewell, now converted into a Military Barracks, your Committee beg to submit the following Report, with return prepared by the City Accountant, showing that the citizens of Dublin have contributed from time to time, between the years
1811

1811 and 1886, a sum of no less than 96,179 *l.* 11 *s.* 8 *d.* in the construction and maintenance of the building in question. The following is the Report and return referred to, viz. :—

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Finance and Leases Committee.

Accountant's Office, Municipal Buildings,
2 January 1889.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit statements relative to expenditure on the Richmond Bridewell, distinguishing such expenditure under the following heads :—

1. Capital Account representing the outlay of the money borrowed for the purpose of building the Bridewell, &c., amounting to the sum of - - - - -	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
2. Rents, Insurances, Purchase Money, &c., amounting to the sum of - - - - -	66,890	1	1
3. Works, Alterations, Repairs, and Materials for Repairs, &c., amounting to the sum of - - - - -	7,945	18	3
	21,343	12	4
Making a Total of - - - <i>£.</i>	96,179	11	8

This large sum has been raised by rates assessed upon the ratepayers of the City of Dublin in the several years ranging from 1811 to 1886, as shown by the Schedules of Presentments, from which, in the absence of other accounts, I have been able to extract the amounts.

I believe I have not overstated the expenditure, as owing to Schedules of Presentments not being forthcoming I have not been able to give the amounts under the head of "Works, Alterations, Repairs, Materials, &c.," for the following years, viz., 1812 to 1818 inclusive, 1840 to 1843 inclusive, and 1850.

It may be fairly assumed that the amounts for these years under the head stated, if added to the sum of the expenditure which I have ascertained, would give a total in excess of one hundred thousand pounds.

It will be observed that I have had to go back three-quarters of a century to obtain the results which I place before your Committee, and as I have had to read and search through two sets of Presentments for each year, in most of the years from 1811 to 1850, to obtain the items of expenditure, I trust that I shall not be considered as having been dilatory in the preparation of the returns which I have now the honour of submitting.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Thomas O'Donnell,*
City Accountant.

EXPENDITURE on Richmond Bridewell, viz., from the Year 1811
to the Year 1878.

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Capital Account—Expenditure of Loans, page 4 - - -	66,890	1	1
Rents, Insurances, Purchase, &c., pages 5 and 6 - - -	7,945	18	3
Works, Alterations, Repairs, and Materials for Repairs, pages 5 and 6 - - - - -	21,343	12	4
TOTAL - - - <i>£.</i>	96,179	11	8

31 December 1888.

Thomas O'Donnell, City Accountant.

RETURN relative to EXPENDITURE ON RICHMOND BRIDGEWELL.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.—DATES AND AMOUNTS OF "ORIGINAL LOANS."

Term Date.	Amount of Loan	Amount of Loan	Objects to which Loans have been applied.
	in Irish Currency.	in British Currency.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Michaelmas Term, 1811	25,000 - -	25,000 - -	BUILDING NEW BRIDGEWELL. These loans have been repaid by amounts raised by Presentments made in years 1811 to 1831, both inclusive, as per Schedules of Presentments filed in the several years.
Michaelmas Term, 1835	12,302 15 11	12,307 3 11	
Easter Term, 1839 -	5,000 0 0	4,615 12 8	SUNDRY WORKS AT RICHMOND BRIDGEWELL. This loan has been repaid by amounts raised by Presentments made in years 1839 to 1859, both inclusive, as per Schedules of Presentments filed in the several years.
Michaelmas Term, 1853	- -	5,000 - -	BUILDING A SOLITARY PRISON AT RICHMOND BRIDGEWELL. This loan has been repaid by amounts raised by Presentments made in years 1853 to 1864, both inclusive, as per Schedules of Presentments filed in the several years.
Easter Term, 1856 -	- -	4,000 - -	BUILDING 124 CELLS IN RICHMOND BRIDGEWELL. This loan has been repaid by amounts raised by Presentments made in years 1856 to 1865, both inclusive, as per Schedules of Presentments filed in the several years.
Easter Term, 1857 -	- -	2,000 - -	HEATING BY HOT-WATER DUCTS RICHMOND BRIDGEWELL. This loan has been repaid by amounts raised by Presentments made in years 1857 to 1859, both inclusive, as per Schedules of Presentments filed in the several years.
Easter Term, 1859 -	- -	2,684 - -	RENDERING RICHMOND BRIDGEWELL SAFE FOR PRISONERS. This loan has been repaid by amounts raised by Presentments made in years 1859 to 1867, both inclusive, as per Schedules of Presentments filed in the several years.
Michaelmas Term, 1841	- -	5,429 4 8	BUILDING RICHMOND BRIDGEWELL. This loan has been repaid by amounts raised by Presentments made in years 1841 to 1850, both inclusive, as per Schedules of Presentments filed in the several years.
TOTAL - - £.		66,880 1 1	

RICHMOND BRIDGEWALL.—EXPENDITURE FROM 1813 TO 1878.

	Rents, Insurance, Purchase, &c.	Works, Alterations, Repairs, and Materials for Repairs.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Easter and Michaelmas Terms, 1813 - - - -	88 2 -	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1814 - - - -	88 2 -	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1815 - - - -	88 2 -	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1816 - - - -	88 2 -	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1817 - - - -	88 2 -	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1818 - - - -	88 2 -	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1819 - - - -	88 2 -	634 9 6
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1820 - - - -	88 2 -	1,485 7 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1821 - - - -	88 2 -	1,648 4 1
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1822 - - - -	88 2 -	1,187 1 9
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1823 - - - -	125 5 8	1,733 1 1
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1824 - - - -	129 5 6	278 17 8
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1825 - - - -	125 5 6	237 2 1
Irish Currency - - - - -	1,008 10 6	7,745 5 10
Deduct ½th - - - - -	81 8 11	605 18 8
British Currency - - - - -	925 10 7	7,140 5 2
Easter and Michaelmas Terms, 1825 - - - -	115 12 8	284 5 8
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1827 - - - -	115 12 8	152 3 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1828 - - - -	115 12 8	91 18 11
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1829 - - - -	115 12 8	252 2 0
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1830 - - - -	115 12 8	42 - -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1831 - - - -	115 12 8	38 11 10
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1832 - - - -	115 12 8	79 2 10
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1833 - - - -	115 12 8	42 - -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1834 - - - -	115 12 8	43 - -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1835 - - - -	522 11 10	168 8 4
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1836 - - - -	115 12 8	84 16 8
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1837 - - - -	150 15 5	165 10 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1838 - - - -	115 12 8	266 - -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1839 - - - -	150 3 1	1,549 18 4
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1840 - - - -	127 - 2	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1841 - - - -	127 - 2	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1842 - - - -	127 - 2	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1843 - - - -	127 - 2	—
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1844 - - - -	127 - 2	147 15 2
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1845 - - - -	127 - 2	264 10 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1846 - - - -	127 - 2	165 10 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1847 - - - -	127 - 2	380 17 10
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1848 - - - -	127 - 2	367 10 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1849 - - - -	127 - 2	303 10 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1850 - - - -	127 - 2	—
Hilary Term - - - - 1851 - - - -	124 - 6	317 - -
Michaelmas Term - - - - 1851 - - - -	11 5 -	496 5 4
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1852 - - - -	149 11 8	484 19 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1853 - - - -	150 3 2	459 12 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1854 - - - -	150 3 2	457 8 4
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1855 - - - -	150 3 2	255 8 4
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1856 - - - -	150 3 2	530 5 8
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1857 - - - -	150 - 5	295 8 4
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1858 - - - -	150 - 9	507 10 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1859 - - - -	150 - 2	507 10 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1860 - - - -	150 - 2	159 2 -
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1861 - - - -	150 4 6	433 5 8
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1862 - - - -	155 4 8	332 15 8
Do - - - ditto - - - - 1863 - - - -	155 14 9	245 5 10

* The Schedule of Payments for these years not being forthcoming, the Expenditure under the head of this column has not been ascertained for each year.

RICHMOND BRIDGEWELL—EXPENDITURE, &c.—continued.

						Rents, Insurances, Purchase, &c.			Works, Alterations, Repairs, and Materials for Repairs.		
						£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Michaelmas Term	-	-	1864	-	-	138	12	2	238	12	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	138	-	8	245	12	8
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	137	4	2	238	10	0
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	137	4	2	177	10	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	137	4	2	172	10	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	137	4	2	235	10	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	128	3	8	575	12	8
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	131	8	8	236	0	4
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	131	8	8	157	10	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	131	8	8	275	-	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	131	8	8	180	-	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	89	7	-	168	-	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	37	2	-	175	-	-
Do	-	-	ditto	-	-	80	0	4	46	5	-
Total						7,245	18	8	21,245	12	4

31 December 1888.

Thomas O'Donnell,
City Accountant.

As regards the law regulating the disposal of the building on its discontinuance as a prison, your Committee obtained the following Report from the Law Agent, viz. :—

Re the Legal Rights and Claims of the Corporation to Richmond Prison.

The Finance and Leases Committee.

Gentlemen,

Law Agent's Office, City Hall,
Dublin, 8 January 1889.

Before reporting upon what might be the legal claims and what are the legal rights of the Corporation, it will be necessary for me to know whether, before the expiration of twelve months from the date of the Order of the Lord Lieutenant's directions of the Prison to be closed, the General Prisons Board (established under the General Prisons Ireland Act, 1887) have, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and subject to any provisions and conditions, allowed the Prison to be used for the purposes of a Reformatory, Industrial School, Lunatic Asylum, Constabulary Barrack, Lock-up, or any other public purpose whatsoever.

If they have, then the Corporation have no legal claims or rights to, or in respect of, the Prison so long as such user shall continue, and until the expiration of a period of twelve months after the discontinuance of such user. (See Sections 17 and 31 of the General Prisons (Ireland) Act, 1877, above quoted.)

If they have not (and if they have) after the expiration of the period in last paragraph above specified, the Prison vested and will vest in the Commissioners mentioned in the first Section of the 6 & 7 Wm. IV. cap. 51, "their heirs and assigns," or other their representatives now capable of being raised; and the legal rights and claims of the Corporation would, in my opinion, be to require the Prison to be by such Commissioners sold or disposed of according to the 48th Section of the Prison Act, 7 Geo. IV. cap. 74, the produce to go to the City Treasurer for the use of the County of the City of Dublin (the whole or part of the site, if desirable, may be applied for widening or improving any adjoining street, &c.).

Should

Should it become necessary to proceed to establish the legal rights and claims of the Corporation in respect to this Prison, your Committee will do well to obtain the advice and opinion of eminent Counsel as to what they are, and not to be guided by my opinion alone.

E. W. Eyre, Esq., Secretary.

Yours, &c.
(signed) John MacShesky.

As regards the first paragraph of the Law Agent's Report, it may be mentioned that this building was officially closed as a prison on the 31st March 1888, and was handed over to the military authorities to be converted into a military barracks on the 26th June following. Accordingly the opinion of the Law Agent as expressed in the second paragraph of this Report would hold good, and the Corporation may be regarded as having no legal claim or right in respect of the prison so long as it shall continue to be used for its present purpose.

Whether the confiscation for Imperial purposes of a building erected and maintained by the ratepayers of the city, at a cost of nearly 100,000 *l.*, constitutes an equitable claim for compensation is a matter in regard to which there can be but one opinion. Your Committee consider that the claim of the city to compensation in respect of the building, the subject of this Report, should be brought under the notice of the Government through the Parliamentary Representatives of the city with a view to a payment in and of local rates, out of the Imperial Treasury, of such sum as would represent the present value of the ground and buildings in question.

All which your Committee beg to submit as their Report, this 30th day of April 1889.

Michael Flanagan, Alderman, Chairman.

II. PARTICULARS of any Compensation given to Local Authorities in GREAT BRITAIN for surrendering PRISON BUILDINGS and SITES.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department reports that no such compensation is given in Great Britain.

ROTHSCHILD HOUSEHOLD (GENERAL)
EXPENDITURE.

REPORT of (I.) Particulars of Expenditure on
Construction and Maintenance of the Buildings
mainly known as the Rothschild House, No. 1,
St. James's, and of the damage caused by the Fire
and Bomb, and (II.) Particulars of any com-
pensation given to Lord Rothschild in view
of the destruction of the Buildings and
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